

contributing yet again to the exploding national debt—a debt our children and grandchildren must pay. In essence, H.R. 8 is a stealth tax on future generations.

The federal estate tax should be reformed, not repealed. I support the plan offered by Mr. POMEROY of North Dakota that would have provided immediate estate tax relief in a responsible manner. I support Mr. POMEROY's attempt to exempt estates up to \$3 million (and \$6 million for couples) from all federal estate taxes. This plan would exempt 99.6 percent of all estates in the country. In fact, only 400 estates nationwide would pay the estate tax under the Pomeroy plan. Not only is this plan fairer, it would be fully paid for by eliminating unnecessary corporate tax shelters.

Although supporters of H.R. 8 use family farmers and small business owners as the rationale for the bill, this claim is just a myth. There already are special provisions in the tax code to ease the burden on small businesses and family farms. In 1998, only 1.4 percent of all returns that paid the estate tax had farm assets that were taxed. Even with the changes made to the estate tax during the 107th Congress, the Congressional Research Service has estimated that less than one percent of small businesses and farms would be forced to liquidate assets to pay the tax. Our plan would have helped these families. Sadly, H.R. 8 will not.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on the Pomeroy substitute and no on final passage.

MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONS

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the newly crowned NCAA Division II Men's Golf Champions, the Francis Marion University Patriots. On May 23, at the Crosswater Golf Club course in Sunriver, Oregon, the Patriots claimed victory in a four-day tournament over 18 of the best golf teams in the country. But, Mr. Speaker, they did not just win. In what can only be described as a true team effort, Francis Marion ran away with the title, ending the tournament with a 3 under par 1,149, which defeated second-place Rollins College by an amazing 14 strokes!

In golf, more so than in other sports, an outstanding team starts with outstanding individuals; and Francis Marion's squad was most definitely a collection of outstanding individuals. The team was led by coach Jonathan Burnett, a native of Florence, South Carolina who just finished his sixth season with the team. The players were anchored by Junior Fredrik Ohlsson from Goteborg, Sweden and Senior Dylan Keylock from Johannesburg, South Africa, who finished fifth and sixth respectively in the individual standings at the National Championship. Also playing key roles on the team were Senior Matt Dura from Sumter, South Carolina, Senior Juan Pablo Bossi from Alta Gracia, Argentina, and Junior Per Hallberg from Ytterby, Sweden, who finished an impressive 14th, 24th, and 44th respectively at the National Championship. Junior Luke Wilcox and Freshmen Adam Hart, Luke Hart, and Battle Hartman also contributed to the team's successes this season.

For their efforts, Ohlsson was chosen to as a first team All American, Dura and Keylock were selected as third team All Americans, and Bossi and Hallberg gained honorable mention recognition. Keylock and Ohlsson also earned Peach Belt Conference All-Conference honors for the second time, and Dura earned Peach Belt Conference All-Tournament Team honors for the second time in three years.

Though these gentlemen excelled on the links, perhaps more impressive was the fact that they simultaneously excelled in the classroom. In addition to their athletic accolades, Ohlsson, Dura, Keylock, and Bossi also earned 2003 academic All-America honors in marketing, management, finance, and business economics respectively. Only two other student athletes from Francis Marion have ever earned both athletic and academic All-America honors in the same year. I am encouraged to know that long after their collegiate golf careers are over, these young men will still be striving as economic leaders in our country. That is truly something worthy of the title "All American".

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to speak to you about these extraordinary young men and their extraordinary achievements. It is truly a privilege to represent a state that turns out such talented students.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CINCINNATI TENNIS CLUB

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cincinnati Tennis Club, which is celebrating its 120th anniversary. The Club was founded in 1880, just 5 years after tennis was introduced in the United States. It has a rich history.

The Cincinnati Tennis Club played a central role in making the sport of tennis a success in our Nation, and has operated from its East Walnut Hills location for over 100 years. It was one of our nation's first venues for tennis, and, because of its historic impact on the game, was listed in 1983 in the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior for its leadership in the development and advancement of the sport of tennis in Cincinnati and the Ohio Valley Area.

Over the years, the Club has been the place where several nationally and internationally recognized tennis players, including legendary greats such as Tony Trabert and Bill Talbert, developed their games. The Club also has been the home club for numerous leaders of the sport and leaders of our country, including William Howard Taft, 27th President of the United States and later Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; Potter Stewart, Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; and Neil McElroy, Secretary of Defense in the Eisenhower administration.

The Club has hosted a number of tournaments and events for the Cincinnati area. For 28 years, it has served as the venue for the National Father and Son Clay Court Championships and also served as the original home of what became the ATP Masters

Tournament, one of the top professional men's tennis events in the world.

Mr. Speaker, the Cincinnati Tennis Club has had a significant, positive impact on the sport of tennis and the Cincinnati area. We are proud to have had such a distinguished club in our area for the past 120 years and look forward to many more years. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing its unique and invaluable contributions to the game and Cincinnati community.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY DENIRO

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to recognize an outstanding educator from my district. Dr. Kathy DeNiro of Pueblo, Colorado is my state's recipient of the 2003 MetLife/National Association of Secondary School Principals Middle Level Principal of the Year Award. Kathy's peers selected her for the award based on her leadership, ability to solve problems, developmental skills, and community service.

Kathy has worked as a teacher and administrator in her school district since 1975 and has served as principal of Corwin Middle School in Pueblo since 1999. In addition, Kathy doubles as Director of Middle Schools in her district. Her dedication to her profession, her students, and her community is extraordinary. A visionary leader, Kathy's innovations at Corwin Middle School include a math and reading program, an academic and recreational-based after-school program, a discipline program, and an academic center for at-risk students with reading problems.

Mr. Speaker, the students at Corwin Middle School include many impoverished, minority youth. Kathy DeNiro's innovation and hard work has greatly improved their chance of success in the classroom and in life. Kathy has made Pueblo and the state of Colorado proud, and I am truly honored to recognize her here today. Congratulations, Kathy, and good luck with your future endeavors.

COMMITMENT TO WORLD PEACE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my commitment to world peace and to stress the importance of establishing dialogue and understanding among all people. It is in recognition of this need that on Tuesday, June 24th, at 6:30 p.m. in Rayburn room B3338-340, the American Leadership Initiative will hold a special awards ceremony to honor great Americans from all 50 states who have demonstrated a commitment to peace.

Many of my prestigious colleagues will join with me and co-chair Congressman KURT WELDON in giving tribute to some of the outstanding Americans from our districts. Members of the clergy, legislators, educators, and business and community leaders will be